

Revised Amendment Practice Amendments to Claims

✧ The seven (7) permissible **status identifiers**:

1. **(Original)**: Claim filed with original specification
 - Not added by preliminary amendment and
 - Not previously amended.
2. **(Currently amended)**: Claim being amended and which is not withdrawn in the current amendment
 - Must include markings (striketrough, double brackets, or underlining) to indicate changes.
3. **(Canceled)**: Claim canceled or deleted in current amendment or previously.
 - Do not present the text of a canceled claim.
 - Consecutive canceled claims may be grouped together (e.g., claims 1-5 (canceled)).

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✧ The seven (7) permissible **status identifiers** (cont.):

4. **(Withdrawn)**: Non-elected claim.
 - The text of a withdrawn claim must be presented.
 - Currently amended withdrawn claims must be presented with markings (striketrough, double brackets, or underlining) to indicate changes.
5. **(Previously presented)**: Claim that was previously added or amended in an earlier amendment paper.
6. **(New)**: Claim being added in the current amendment paper.
 - The text of the claim must be presented in clean form without underlining.
7. **(Not entered)**: Claim presented in a previous unentered amendment.
 - Do not present the text of a not entered claim.
 - Consecutive not entered claims may be grouped together (e.g., Claims 20-25 (not entered)).

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